190th "Airman of the Year" Announced

By Tech. Sgt. Greg Burnetta
190th Public Affairs

Three members of the 190th Air Refueling Wing were honored at December's commander's call after being selected as outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Senior Airman Andrew Piper, assigned to logistics as an aircraft vehicle-refueling operator, was selected as Airman of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Sherry L. Hertlein, assigned to medical flight as an aerospace medical technician, was selected as Non-commissioned-officer of the year.

Senior Master Sgt. Ivan Perez, Communications Flight, was selected as Senior Non-commissioned-officer of the year.

Each of them has been submitted/entered into the statewide competition for Airman and NCO of the Year.

State winners from all states will attend a National Guard conference in Washington, D.C.

The state winners should be announced in March.

Each 190th candidate expressed a desire to win the statewide competition, but each applauded his or her unknown competitors from the Wichita unit.

"I don't know who won at McConnell. I'd like to know whom I'm up against. Winning state would be tops," said Piper.

Hertlein said: "I'm just happy with being NCO of the year here, but winning that would be cool," when talking about the statewide competition.

Airman of the Year Piper was born and grew up in the local area. He lives in Topeka with his wife and daughter.

He attended Washburn Rural High School where he excelled on the baseball and cross-country teams while maintaining a 3.5 grade point average.

Piper joined the 190th while he was still a high school student in 1999.

After graduating from Basic Training at Lackland AFB, TX, he attended the Fuels Apprentice Course at Sheppard AFB, TX, where he graduated in the top five percent of his class.

He was offered his technician position after volunteering for and serving on active orders, here, in support of Operation Noble Eagle from November 2001 to January 2002.

190th Airman of the Year
Senior Master Sgt. Ivan Perez (left), Tech Sgt. Sherry Hertlein and Senior Airman Andrew Piper.

Although he is assigned to the aircraft vehicle refueling operator's slot in the unit, he exceeds what is required of him in so much as he not only performs that duty, but also maintains the fuels automated system, does fuels accounting, and processes in flight refueling transactions.

In short, he performs two or three separate jobs within the fuels management section. He said he does not feel as though he's doing

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Why we do the things we do

By Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hedges
Weather Flight Commander

Near the end of the movie "Blackhawk Down," a Delta Force soldier is explaining to an Army Ranger how people don't understand why they do the things they do. He says; "Its about the guy next to you."

Just a line from a movie?

To say the military is a unique occupation is an understatement at best. Besides the long hours, the danger, travel, and occasional mindless tasks; there is the relationship with co-workers that is very different than virtually any other occupation on earth. Those who have been in the military for a while know this. Those who have been in combat know it well.

What am I talking about?

In a typical office environment, two co-workers may have worked together for 20 years. At the end of the day, they go home to their respective families and except for an occasional get-together, that is about it. With military members, it is different. The bond between co-workers becomes much stronger. This is even more the case when serving outside the US where we are surrounded by very different, and sometimes not so friendly people. We tend to draw much closer to each other. The bond can even be greater than between family members.

Why is this?

Perhaps it comes from the unique nature of military service. The inherent danger. The all-too-real possibility of going to war. The understanding that you will put your life on the line to pull a co-worker out of the line of fire. The faith that your co-worker will do the same for you. You won't normally find that at Wal-Mart (Just an example. I'm not picking on Wal-Mart). Some call it the "Brotherhood of War". You don't teach it. You don't learn it from books. You develop it by being part of it. Those outside the military cannot comprehend it (with the possible exception of law enforcement officers, firefighters, etc). You find it in countless stories, such as the actions of 20-year old Private First Class Jack Hanson, 31st Infantry Regiment in Korea in 1951. When his unit was pulling back due to advancing enemy forces, Private First Class Hanson volunteered to remain at his position to provide protective fire to cover their withdrawal. The next morning, friendly forces recovered Private First Class Hanson's position. What they found was taken from his Medal of Honor citation below:

"Private First Class Hanson's body was found lying in front of his emplacement, his machine gun ammunition expended, his empty pistol in his right hand, and a machete with blood on the blade in his left hand, and approximately 22 enemy dead lay in the wake of his action."

Was Private First Class Hanson looking to get the Medal of Honor when he volunteered to cover the withdrawal? Not likely. Here was a young kid trying his best to do his job. Looking out for the soldiers around him (there's that guy next to you thing again). If you read the Medal of Honor citations (and you should), you will see this time and time again. Ordinary people, under extraordinary circumstances, doing extraordinary things. If you have ever visited a battlefield cemetery and looked at the rows and rows of graves, the Vietnam Memorial and read the names, or the USS Arizona Memorial; you cannot help but feel the emotion of knowing that these were the military people that went before you – and paid the ultimate price. You may see someone there who served with one of the fallen. There you will see the bond.

When I talk to young people about careers in the military, this is the story that I tell. That the experience is like nothing they will find anywhere else. They will learn more about life in one year than in five anywhere else. I have their undivided attention. I leave the talk of the material benefits to the recruiters.

Our country is at war. It falls to us to see to it that the nation survives. Our equipment is better. Our training is better. But the bond that exists between us sets us far above any enemy. This is why we do the things we do. Ordinary people, under extraordinary circumstances, doing extraordinary things. Maybe it will be you. Maybe it will be the guy next to you.

Koyotes ready to HOWL

By Maj. Rick Jellison
190th Community Manager

On Nov. 14, 2002, Christian Walter, CEO of Topeka's professional football team announced the identity of the team: the Kansas Koyotes.

"A major factor leading up to our decision to go with the name Koyotes was our desire to identify ourselves with excellence, the 190th Air Refueling Wing lives up to those high standards," said Walter.

The Koyotes will play at the Kansas Expocentre from late March through July. Indoor football is played on a 50-yard field surrounded by walls. Each team plays with eight men squads. The rules are similar to the NFL with two outstanding exceptions. First, there is no punting, on fourth down there must be an attempt at either a first down or a field goal, second, there can be three men in motion prior to the snap of the ball. These rules help to make

for a fast-paced, high-scoring brand of football.

Clayton Holmes, a former corner back with the Dallas Cowboys and projected starter with the Kansas Koyotes said, "the indoor game is much faster than the NFL."

The Koyotes will be made up of former area players, such as Michael

Dritlein, one of Washburn's all-time leading receivers who went on to play for the Kansas City Chiefs.

A show featuring the dance team and other entertainment will proceed each game. In addition, there will also be a variety of on and off -field activities and contests in which the audience participates.

During play if a ball goes into the seats the lucky fan who catches it will keep it as a souvenir.

Upon completion of the game fans are invited onto the field to speak with their favorite players, coaches and dance team members.

For current and former members of the 190th Air Refueling Wing the Koyotes have made a special offer for the inaugural season. If you purchase your seats you can get two plaza level (lower level) seats for $190.00. Plaza level seats are normally $175.00 each. V.I.P. seats are also available at a cost of $250.00 or $350.00, depending on location.

Members of the 190th will receive an $80.00 discount on V.I.P. tickets.

For more information contact the Koyotes at (785) 273-8657.

Security Forces prepare airman for Basic Training

By 1st Lt. Chris Hill
190th Public Affairs

In an effort to better prepare new enlistees for Basic Training, the Security Forces Squadron has initiated a training class to educate new members about what to expect and instill some basic military knowledge such as wear of the uniform and customs and courtesies.

"I have seen new troops wearing their hats backwards, not saluting and even male troops wearing

an earring," said Chief Master Sgt. Dean Jost. Seeing these things across the base led Jost to develop this course.

Originally Jost planned the class for Security Forces only, then decided that it would benefit the entire Wing so he opened it to all interested people, regardless of section.

Jost charged Airman First Class Shawna Palmieri with the task of coordinating the course and ensuring that all feedback is recorded so the

course can continually improve. Palmieri has attended Basic Training and is awaiting technical training.

The first class occurred during the January UTA. "We had about 12 attend the class," said Jost. Jost indicated they had expected 25. The course will be offered again in February to ensure that all who desire the course may attend.

anything extra. "I just do my job. Whenever anyone else needs help, I'll pick up the slack," he said.

He's happy that someone from his section has been recognized with this award. "No one from our shop has been recognized to this extent for a long time. It's a huge honor," he said.

Piper also finds time to perform volunteer community service by participating in the State of Kansas "Pass It On Program," which is an organization that works with troubled youths.

In addition to Airman of the Year, his military honors include The Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Training Ribbon and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

NCO of the Year, Tech. Sgt. Sherry Hertlein was born in Urbana, IL., while her father served in the active Air Force at Chanute AFB, IL.

She and her husband, Timothy, reside in Emporia, KS. They have two children, Tyler, age 5, and Eric, age 2.

Hertlein began her military career immediately upon high school graduation. She graduated from Basic Training at Lackland AFB, TX., in August of 1995, and from Tech School 13 weeks later at Brooks AFB, TX.

She has been a member of the 190th Medical Flight for seven years. During this time she has attended numerous medical training classes and conferences both in the United States and in Canada.

Hertlein is the chairperson for the Special Awareness Activities Committee here and has recently volunteered for the 190th's Honor and Color Guard.

She has a history of volunteering her services in support of the 190th ARW. She drives prospective recruits to and from the Military Entrance Processing Station in Kansas City and has participated in three Career Fairs with our recruiters.

She organized the MDS bowling team which raised more than $900 for the Junior Achievement and was a member of the winning "Tanker Tug Team" during its 2002 "Wings Over Topeka" competition.

Hertlein credits her spirit for volunteering as one possible reason that she was selected as the 190th's NCO of the Year.

She also performed numerous medical flight duties last year beyond what was expected of her while her section chief was absent for six to seven months on extended leave.

She learned that she had been selected during the November drill. "It is the most memorable experience I've had," she said, about her military career thus far.

She will serve as the President Pro Tem for the Dining Out next month. She feels the honor of serving in that capacity was offered to her as a result of being selected as the 190th's NCO of the year.

Senior NCO of the Year, Senior Master Sgt. Ivan C. Perez, is the 190th ARW Communications Flight Planning and Implementations Branch Chief.

Perez was born and raised in the Topeka area. He graduated from Highland Park High School in 1981 and from the Kaw Area Technical School as a certified photographer.

He began his military career by enlisting into the Air National Guard in 1982. His first assignment was as

an audio-visual specialist. He also served as a fuel clerk and later as a civilian pay technician.

Perez is an Honor Graduate of the Apprentice Communications-Computer Systems Planning and Implementation Management Specialist Course, Kessler AFB, MS.

He is the recipient of notable Letters of Appreciation for his contributions with the 1995 Kansas governor's inauguration and for his assistance with the 1998 "National White Collar Crime Center Cyber Cop 101" course.

He was recognized for his support to the Inspector General's Team during the 190th ARW Single Integrated Operational Plan Inspection.

Perez is an active participant in Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Program and is a registered blood donor with Topeka's Community Blood Center. He is a registered potential volunteer with the National Marrow Donor Program.

His military awards include The Air Force Achievement Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

As for being selected as the 190th's Senior NCO of the Year, he said: "I'm Thrilled. It's definitely an honor and I'm appreciative for someone thinking that I'm worthy of this."

Perez will serve as the President of this years Dining Out.

By LtCol Christopher Stratmann

It's February again already and time for Information Assurance Awareness Month. This year's theme is OPSEC. It couldn't have come at a more appropriate time. As world tensions and our military opstempo increase, so do the opportunities for us to let our guard down. We have to remain vigilant to protect our information and our mission. All of the advantages of the digital age do not come without significantly increased risk. It is indeed much easier than it ever has been to transfer information. This, of course, also means it is much easier to commit a mistake with considerable consequences. Our actions in cyberspace as well as reality should

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not be taken lightly. All of the coverage regarding our actions in the press makes it difficult to remain focused on protecting the mission. Don't become complacent. If there is any doubt that you should share, transfer, e-mail, or discuss any portion of your involvement in the military, DON'T.

Once again we've put together a few short articles on the subject to, hopefully, stimulate some thought. Please take the time to look at them and do some further reading on your own. What you learn about protecting government information will also help you protect your personal information. We've also put together a CD containing articles, software and links regarding Information Assurance, as well as some multimedia items for your enjoyment. We plan to distribute the CD during February drill.

What is OPSEC?
By SSgt Doug Hickman

The purpose of OPSEC is to identify threats and vulnerabilities that could be exploited by an adversary to obtain critical information. OPSEC is not a collection of specific rules or instruction, but rather a state of mind applied to any operational activity. OPSEC is not a counter intelligence program but a counter measures program. The difference is that counter intelligence is concerned with intentional disclosure whereas OPSEC is concerned with inadvertent disclosure. Simply put the role of OPSEC is to protect our critical and sensitive information from inadvertent compromise.

OPSEC can be described as five simple steps or principles.

- The first principle of OPSEC is to define and analyze the threat. If you don't know the threat (adversary) how do you know what to protect?
- The second principle of OPSEC is to know what to protect. Identify the critical information.
- The third principle of OPSEC is to analyze the vulnerabilities, find your weakness.

- The fourth principle of OPSEC (risk assessment) is to determine the amount of risk associated with each vulnerability.
- The last principle of OPSEC, step five, is risk management. If you think about it, step five is the core of the OPSEC fundamentals, applying countermeasures. In the Air Force we apply programs such as COMSEC, Infosec, Compusec, TMAP and radio discipline to name a few.

In our personal lives we should also apply OPSEC. For example, when you **go on vacation** you should **stop your newspaper delivery**. Why, because you don't want a **burglar** to notice that you have not been home for several days and give him an **opportunity** to burglarize **your house**. Do you see the five principles of OPSEC?

Most of us do not carry every credit card and our social security card with us in our wallets or purses. Why, because if our wallet or purse is lost or stolen, we want to minimize the possible damage of fraudulent credit card purchases or identity theft.

So what is OPSEC? OPSEC is the actions taken to protect our important information from inadvertent compromise.

OPSEC is a state of mind.

Hacking People, Not Computers

By SrA Patrick Sampson

What do you think of when you hear social engineering? Most likely you skip right over the word social and focus on engineering – lots of math

> *Social engineering means computer security cracking techniques that rely on weakness in human nature rather that weaknesses in hardware, software, or network design.*

classes, heavy work hours, etc. What you might not realize is that social engineering is simple and everyone has the tools needed to do it.

Social engineering could be called "People Hacking." It is the art of getting people to give you information or give you access to information. This could be specific information on deployments or personnel, or it could be information needed to gain access to the network or your computer. It requires any or all of the following: a keen sense of awareness, being in the right place at the right time, and/or good people skills. It can be very successful because hackers are preying on our basic desire to trust.

You know those handy sticky notes that we shouldn't have on our monitors? Those are a great source of information for social engineering attacks, especially if it contains password information. All it would require is a hacker to walk through you work area to obtain that information.

What about the things you throw away? "Dumpster diving" occurs when someone goes through the trash to find important documents and personal information. This could be a gold mine to would be hackers.

You may even accidentally tell the hackers what they need to know yourself without knowing it. Here is a textbook example of a social engineering attack conducted by phone.

"Hi Jane Doe, this is Doug from Comm. We have a new Unit screensaver and I need your password so I can log on to your computer from the BNCC and install

it." We all know Doug and think he is a trustworthy guy, so most of us probably wouldn't become suspicious. No one from Comm would ever call asking for your password, so this is a likely ploy by a hacker to gain full access to the network. And it may not be so blatant as to ask for your password, but rather an attempt to learn specifics about our network size, the type of systems used, manning, etc.

There are several steps you can take to prevent this from happening. First and foremost realize that computer security starts with you, the user. You are the most important line of defense in securing our information. Secondly, dispose of any sensitive material in a proper manner – shredding, pulverizing, etc. If you don't know where you can find these facilities, contact the Comm HelpDesk and we will provide you with that information. Thirdly, never give out your password or user ID to anyone over the phone, via e-mail, or the Internet.

> **Phone surveys asking for information such as; how many people we employ, what type or how many computers we have, what type of an operating system we have or how much money we spend on network communications can be a type of Social engineering.**

What is Aggregation and how does it apply to OPSEC?
As defined by Webster's Dictionary, to aggregate is to collect into heaps

or to collect. So what does aggregation have to do with

OPSEC? We start by acknowledging that unclassified does not equal unimportant. We need to control certain unclassified information as if it were classified. Remember that if someone with malicious intent aggregates the information, it can cause great harm. Classification experts recognize the potential situation where multiple pieces of unclassified data could become classified if collected into a single document or database. Aggregation of unclassified information and how

it impacts operations, missions and personnel safety is the main concept of OPSEC.

> **Unclassified information is available through many sources, but that doesn't mean it should be advertised or volunteered to someone who may not need to know.**

Radio OPSEC
By TSgt Bruce Reed

When it comes to OPSEC, radio communications is an Achilles' heel. When we pick up an LMR and transmit the status of an aircraft to the maintenance operation center, the fact that the aircraft is loaded with supplies to the logistics controller, or any other detail of our operation, we may just as well be telling our enemies. The radio transmission can easily be received outside our base. Somebody can be listening to the radio transmissions keeping track of aircraft status, security police positions or any number of other operational details.

We could easily dismiss radio OPSEC as not necessary. We could think to ourselves "no one is listening to our activities" or "no one cares what we are doing at Forbes". Let's be serious. The United States is at war and the 190th is supporting the mission. It would be foolish to believe that no one is listening to our radio transmissions to monitor our operations.

The radio is a useful tool. It speeds communication which helps operations flow smoothly. However, before you key that mike and talk, ask yourself two questions, Is there conversation around you and are you transmitting information you want to tell our adversaries.

Have You Been Cracked?
By TSgt Richard Hines

We've all seen that dreaded message, "Your password will expire in 8 days. Do you want to change it now?" Sure, remembering yet another password seems to be an ever-increasing burden in our information saturated world, but have you ever realized just how important a strong password is to a network?

Security experts at Carnegie Mellon University estimate that more than a million passwords have been stolen on the Internet. The prevalence of 'hacker tools', which are widely available on the Internet, is overwhelming. Many of these are targeted specifically at cracking passwords. Crack, L0phtcrack and John the Ripper are three of the most common.

Password cracking programs have three methods of attack. The dictionary attack is by far the fastest and compares a preloaded dictionary file with the user account and password file. Because the majority of passwords are simple, a dictionary attack is usually sufficient to crack multiple passwords. The hybrid attack is similar to the dictionary attack, but uses number or letter additions or substitutions. It takes longer but can crack significantly more passwords. The strongest of the password cracking methods, the brute force attack, may often take a long time depending on the complexity of the password. It will attempt any number, letter, or special character combination until it has hacked all the passwords in the file.

Recently, the 190th CF applied Password Appraiser v3.51 against our user account and password file. In less than a minute, 20% of the user accounts on base were classified as having weak passwords and were cracked. Coyote, 888888, and Raymond are examples of some of the easily cracked passwords. No passwords that would be classified as 'strong' were cracked.

How do I Choose a Good Password?

Use lines from a childhood verse:
Verse Line: Yankee Doodle went to town
Password: YDwto#town
Expressions inspired by the name of a city:
City Expression: I love Paris in the springtime
Password: ILpinST
City Expression: Chicago is my kind of town
Password: CimYKot
Transformation techniques:
Technique: Transliteration
Illustrative Expression: photographic
Password: foTOgrafik
Technique: Interweaving of characters in successive words
Illustrative Expression: iron horse
Password: ihrOrnSe
Technique: Substitution of synonyms
Illustrative Expression: coffee break
     Password: jaVa*rest
Note: Obviously, you shouldn't use any of the passwords used as examples in this article. Treat these examples as guidelines only.
How Can I Avoid a Bad Password?
Avoid passwords that would be easy for anyone to guess. Don't use:
Dictionary words (mackerel, dandelion, millionaire), Foreign words (octobre, gesundheit, sayonara).
Simple transformations of words (tiny8, 7eleven, dude!).
Names, doubled names, first name and last initial (mabell, kittykitty, marissab).
Uppercase or lowercase words (MAGAZINE, licorice).
An alphabet sequence (lmnop) or a keyboard sequence (ghjkl;).
Very short words or just one character (dog, *, hi!, me, love) or words that have the vowels removed (sbtrctn, cntrlntllgnc).
Phone numbers or repeated characters.
Despite the fact that any password is vulnerable, users must realize that creating a strong password will defeat or deter a dictionary or hybrid attack, and a brute force attack may take so long as to be unfeasible, which will force the would-be hacker to resort to other hacking methods.

Keeping our NETWORK safe

By SMSgt John Kylen

Non- government procured software continues to be a safety concern for the network. How often do you bring in software you use at home or maybe you download software you feel will cause no problem and install it on your computer here at work? Did you know some packages use options known as "Spyware" which track sites and software then sends small files back to the software companies. This type of software is used for targeted software ads but has, also, been used to add machines for use in "Denial of Service" attacks against other systems.

With the new Windows 2000 operating system additional rights and restrictions are being added to our computers. Incorrect configuration and/or improperly installed software can cause a machine to become unusable and even lose its data. Remember, any software not loaded on your machine when you receive it from the 190th Communications Flight must be approved by the Communications Flight before installation on your system. Please, contact the Helpdesk at extension 4357 for assistance on the approval process.

The use of privately owned computers on the network (either dial-in or directly connected) continues to be a concern. The use of privately owned computers to automate functions in support of the unit's mission or to process classified or Privacy Act data is not authorized and should never be used for other official government work without prior approval from the DAA or the designated alternate. Remember, any PC that connects to our network must meet all requirements established for our computers here on Forbes. You may, of course, use your privately owned computer to access your government email via the web using Outlook Web Access (OWA).

One more concern comes from the Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) arena. These devices, i.e., Palm Pilots, Casiopias, and Clies (to name a few) are capable of holding various pieces of information and should be handled with care. They can be connected to many different computers and can be used to remove sensitive information. How many of you have virus scanners installed on your PDAs? While many versions are available most users do not use virus scanners. This allows virus files to infect the PDA and from the PDA to the network.

This information may seem unimportant to many of you but even the smallest items can be used to gather information, which can later be used to gain access to our systems. Many of these items that were discussed in this article are "common sense" items and you know them well. A letter to the DAA (LtCol Stratmann) or request for assistance through the 190th Communications Flight Helpdesk can help to eliminate many of the problems and frustrations many of you encounter when using your PC and Forbes LAN/WAN.

Trusted people in history with security clearances

Peter Kroger – (US Army/Atomic projects 1961) - Soviet Spy
Julius Rosenberg – (US Army Signal Corps 1950) - Provided information about the Manhattan Project to the Soviets.
Edward Lee Howard – (CIA 1985)- Spied for Soviets.
John Anthony Walker – (US Navy Warrant Officer 1985) - Arrested for spying for the Soviets.
Clayton Lonetree – (USMC "sex for secrets" 1987) - Provided secrets to KGB while a US Embassy guard.
Aldrich Ames – (CIA 1994) - Soviet Spy
Ana Belen Montes – (Defense Intelligence Agency 2001) Spied for Cuba
Brian Regan – (US Air Force 2001) – Attempted to sell spy satellite information to Iraq, Liberia and China.
Robert Hanssen – (FBI Counter Intelligence specialist. 1985-2001) - Spied for the Soviets
A co-worker ?

Q: How are standby and hibernate modes different?

A: When your computer goes into hibernation, it saves the current state of the system to the hard drive, including the files and programs that are running. The system then powers off. When you restart the system it reloads the saved state all at once. In standby mode, the computer does not power off completely. At the highest level of standby, all power is turned off except what's necessary for the RAM to retain its data. If you have a power outage during hibernation, there's no problem; during standby, you would lose any unsaved data.

Kozubek recognized by 190th ARW

By Master Sgt. Kevin Drewelow
190th Quality Assurance

Mike Kozubek was recognized for his assistance in the success of the Wings Over Topeka by the 190th Air Refueling Wing in January.

Kozubek, a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (Meadowlark Chapter 313), was recognized for his assistance at last summer's Wings Over Topeka air show.
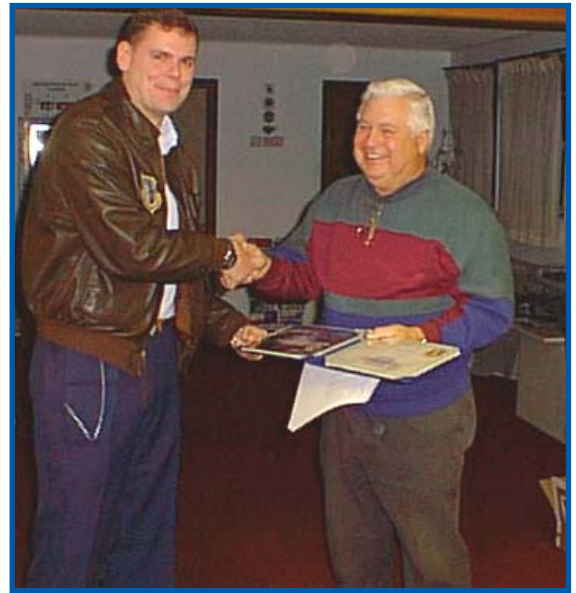
Prior to the Wings Over Topeka air show, the Make-A-Wish foundation informed the 190th that a young lady's wish was to be able to attend the air show and meet the USAF Thunderbirds. The 190th asked Kozubek for his help.

Kozubek agreed to help make the girl's wish a reality.

He volunteered his time, fuel and airplane and picked up the girl and her mother, flew them to Forbes Field and delivered them to air show central where members of the 190th met her and helped make some of her dreams come true.

She received a flight suit and other memorabilia, enjoyed V.I.P. treatment during the show and met the Thunderbirds, which was the highlight of her day.

Captain Rob Williams of the 190th presented Mike with a photograph of the Thunderbirds in formation behind a 190th KC-135 Stratotanker, a certificate of appreciation, and a commemorative coin from the wing commander and fellow Meadowlark Chapter member Colonel Mike O'Toole.

Capt. Rob Williams (left) presents Mike Kozubek a photograph of the USAF Thunderbirds on behalf of the Wings over Topeka committee

Should the U.S. revive the draft?

SSgt Scott Tanos
Communications Flight
"No, I think they should not revive the draft. People have to want to serve for our country rather than be told they do not have a choice to go off and fight. It only strengthens the military to have volunteers."

TSgt Brian Martin
127th Weather Flight

"No. I think it is not necessary to bring back the draft."

SSgt Richard Smith
Finance
"Yes, due to the every changing military and missions. We are lacking the volunteers needed to carry out those missions."

SSgt Marjie Norton
190th Support Group

"No. After the Sep. 11th occurrences, I think it made people more patriotic and willing to stand up for America. Therefore, it should not be reinstated."

A1C Yrral "T" White

Name: Airman First Class Yrral "T" White

Organization: Operations Support

Job title: Aviation Resource Management Technician

Civilian Job: Fulltime student at Friends University

Main Responsibilities: Keeping track of aircraft member's files and record upkeep.

Education: Graduated from Chino High School in Chino, CA. Currently a junior at Friends University.

Military Experience: Joined the Air Force fulltime in 1995 and was stationed at Altus, Oklahoma. Discharged from active duty from McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, KS and joined the 190th ARW in December 2002.

Goals and Ambitions: To complete college coursework and continue on to Law school and study abroad.

Hobbies and Activities: Enjoys reading British literature and traveling. One of her favorite places is Puerto Rico.

Most Memorable 190th moment: "My most memorable moment was joining the 117th OSAF because I wish I could have joined such a great organization sooner in my career."

George Brett & Royals Visit Forbes

Legendary ballplayer, George Brett, and other Kansas City Royals visited Forbes in January. Brett, Mike Sweeney, announcer Ryan Lefebvre and vice-president David Witty were on a multi-state tour promoting the Royals baseball team and picked Forbes Field as one of their stops. Both Brett and Sweeney said their visit at Forbes was an opportunity for both of them to personally thank local men and women in uniform for their service to our country and their sacrifice in ever more dangerous times.

After brief speaches Brett and Sweeny signed autographs, answered questions and toured some aircraft. The short visit created a real stir on base and proved that excited children come in all ages and sizes.
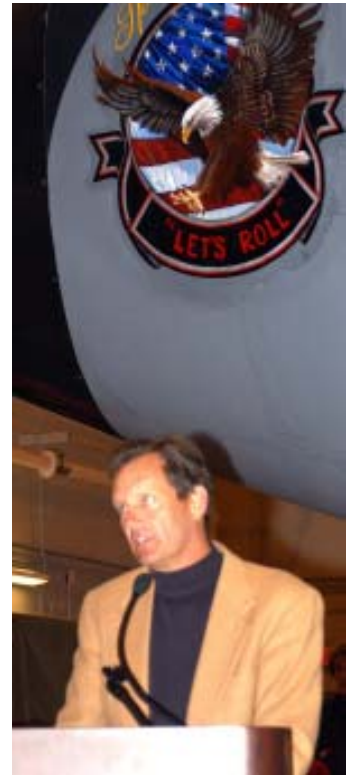
Military Night in the Barn!

Topeka Scarecrows
Vs
Tri-City Storm
Saturday, March 1
7:05 p.m.
(Doors open at 6:05 p.m.)

Lower level ticket prices only $10.00

Contact MSgt Kevin Drewelow to purchase tickets or for more information (ext. 4535)

Dining Out 2003

Saturday
February 1, 2003
1800 - 2400

Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel
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Sunflower Room
Music Provided by Complete Music

Ticket prices
Amn - Tsgt $14.00
Msgt - CMsgt $25.00
Officers $30.00

Ticket Point of contacts are:
Msgt Bil Gilfiland   Msgt Tom Hren
Msgt Mike Chandler   SMsgt Keith Felten
Msgt Mark Saba   Msgt Bil Montgomery
CMsgt Jerry Millsaps   Tsgt Kherry Herrlein
Tsgt Tammy Wells   Msgt Eric Webb
CMsgt Linda Mellnew

$ FINANCE NEWS $

Hours Of Operation
M-F 0730-1600

Ensure all of your information is correct on the LES (i.e. address, taxes, state of legal residence, etc.).

To view your LES online visit myPay:
http://www.dfas.mil/mypay

With myPay, you can:
• View, print, and save LES
• View and print W-2s

The finance office also has a website at http://intranet.kstope.ang.af.mil/fm

Prayer Breakfast March 2, 2003

0730: Food Line Opens
0800: Program Begins
Speaker: Dan Meers (AKA K.C. Wolf)
Music: Land & Hilderbrand
Tickets: $2.00

Tickets are available in your Orderly Room and during UTA meals at the 190th Dining Facility.

For more information Contact the Base Chapel at 861-4001

JOB OF THE MONTH

Medical Squadron

Education & Training Manager

School: Kessler AFB, MS
37 Days

ASVAB: General 56

AFSC: 3S2X1

Prerequisite: Must have a 5-skill level in another AFSC

Contact MSgt Kathy Thornton, 861-4598
or
CMSgt Howard Steanson, 861-4522

Coyote Cafe Menu

Saturday February 1

Main Line

Chicken and vegetable stir fry
Beef and vegetable stir fry
Steamed rice
Dinner rolls
Salad bar
Soup
Baked potato bar

Short Order Line

Grilled reuben sandwiches
Grilled ham and cheese sandwiches
Seasoned curly fries
Fudge and chewy granola bars
Ice Cream Bars

Sunday February 2
Main Line

Lasagne (spinach and beef)
Asparagus
Garlic toast
Soup
Salad bar
Baked potato bar

Short Order Line

BBQ Beef sandwiches
Potato wedges
Polish sausages
Strawberry and blueberry cheesecake and fudge
Ice Cream Bars

Hotel for February
Capital Plaza

Chapel Hours

Protestant: 0800 - 0830
Latter Day Saints: 1100-1130
Catholic: 1345 - 1415

The Chaplain's Office is located on the 3rd floor of Hangar 662.

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